MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 28th February 1968.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at One of the Clock.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER [SRI D. MANJUNATH, B.SC., B.L.] in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

Tappable Date Trees

61. Sri B. GANGANNA (Kallambella).—

Will the Minister for Finance, Planning, Commerce and Industries be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total number of tappable date trees in the State owned by State as well as private parties ;

(*b*) the rate per tree per quarter collected from the bidders ;

(*c*) the manner of noticing the private trees under tapping ;

(*d*) the precautionary methods taken to avoid misuse and unauthorised tapping of trees by the bidder ;

(*e*) the penalty fixed per tree if misused .

(*f*) the selling rate of toddy in the State ?

A.—Sri H R. ABDUL GAFFAR (Deputy Minister for Finance.)—

(*a*) Approximately 2,36,000 trees.

(*b*) Rs. 7-50 per date tree for the period of 4 months as tree-tax on both Government and Hiduvali trees and Rs. 1-75 per tree as tree-rent on Government trees only.

(*c*) When private trees are intimated to be tapped by the Contractors, the particulars of trees and serial numbers and names of villages along with the names of Hiduvalidars will be recorded in the Tree-tapping application form prescribed by the Department which will